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Mr Jean Tyler
c/o Ed Small
New York City N.Y.

Dear Jean:

Following our conversation of a few days ago, I am writing to ask you again to contact Mr Ray Robinson for me and ask him to come to Newark Sunday May 5th to start the Negro Baseball season here, by throwing out the first ball.

Each year we have been fortunate in having some outstanding Negro Athlete do the job, among them have been Henry Armstrong, Beau Jack, Johnny Borican, and Joe had promised to do it the year he lost his pal.

Opening day here in Newark is something all The Negroes really look forward to, and we always try to give them something to remember. The race as a whole has so little.

I would appreciate knowing right away if Ray can come, and how many will be in his party, because we have quite a few outstanding guests, and I have to arrange for the seating. All the city commissioners will be out, Plus the candidate running for governor etc. I would want Ray and his party to be in the right seats. That is why I would appreciate knowing right away. They should arrive here at 1.30 as that is the time the ceremonies start. March to the flagpole etc.

It was nice seeing you, and I do hope if Ray comes you will be along. Will be looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely Yours